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## **State Patrol Seeking Public's Assistance in Locating Vehicular Homicide Suspect**

The Washington State Patrol is actively looking for 31 year-old **Scott M. Buskeness** (photo below) of Renton, who is suspected of being the causing driver in the head on collision that killed two people in Pierce County.

The December 8<sup>th</sup> collision occurred on SR 7 at 146<sup>th</sup> St. E at approximately 1:45 am. Troopers believe that Buskeness was driving a 1998 Honda Civic north on SR 7 at 146<sup>th</sup> St. E. when he crossed into the southbound lanes striking head on a 1993 Dodge Colt driven by 34 year-old Richard W. Pennington of Lakewood. Sadly, Pennington sustained life-threatening injuries and was transported to St. Joseph's in Tacoma where he died from his injuries. Jaime A. Rainford, 34 years-old from Roy was a passenger in the Dodge with Pennington. She sustained life-threatening injuries and was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital where tragically she died from her injuries later that day. A third passenger in the Dodge, 36 year-old Michelle L. Tuskey of Eatonville sustained critical injuries and was transported To Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup.

Buskeness sustained injuries from the collision and was transported to Madigan Army Hospital in Tacoma. Troopers at the scene did observe some indications that Buskeness may have been impaired before he was transported to the hospital with what was thought to be serious injuries. Investigators worked diligently to complete a thorough investigation, analyzing all the evidence, before concluding to submit charges of two counts of Vehicular Homicide against Buskeness. At the completion of the initial investigation Buskeness had been released from Madigan Army Hospital and his current location is unknown.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Buskeness and he is encouraged to turn himself in to any police officer. If anyone knows where he is or how he can be contacted they are encouraged to contact Trooper J.J. Gundermann at 253-606-2941 and you can remain anonymous.

